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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: California

COUNTY: Placer

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ENTRY NUMBER

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NATIONAL REGISTER

1. NAME

COMMON: Outlet Gates + Gatekeeper's Cabin

AND/OR HISTORIC: Historic Gatekeeper's Log House and site

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Only outlet to Lake Tahoe, Hwy. 89, mouth of the Truckee River

CITY OR TOWN: Tahoe City (P. O. Box 884)

STATE: California CODE: 06 COUNTY: Placer CODE: 061

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
Private grounds Open Space			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Sierra Pacific Power Company

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 10100

CITY OR TOWN: Reno STATE: Nevada CODE: 89510

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Placer County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Auburn STATE: California CODE: 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Placer County Court House Records, Book X

DATE OF SURVEY: 1906  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Placer County Courthouse

The Saga of Lake Tahoe by E. B. Scott, p. 45 re outlet dam

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

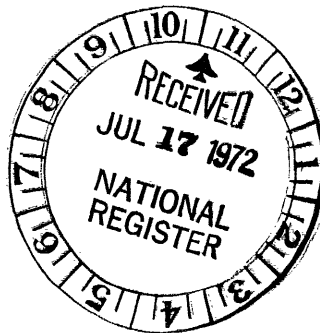
1. Present physical appearance of the log house is still a sound structure of logs produced from a sawmill here at Lake Tahoe. Orval B. Johnson who worked for 20 years for the Department of Parks & Recreation Restoration Programs examined the house and stated that it is a very worthwhile structure to preserve as an example of turn-of-the-century log-type built houses.

The house has had two porches built on to it plus bathroom facilities which could be renovated or removed as decided upon. Many coats of paint have been added to rooms throughout the building; however, they can easily be removed by sandblasting the logs. The wood flooring is in good shape and could be restored with paint remover and sanding.

2. The original use of the house was for the gatekeeper to keep records on the height of the lake and to control the amount of water that was discharged downstream to Nevada. The gatekeeper had his office in the house and it has an ideal location at the only outlet to Lake Tahoe. The original appearance was very much the same as it is now with the exception that composition shingles have been added on and paint has covered many areas which should be restored to the natural wood state.

3. The site is a natural pine and fir tree covered two plus acres which would make an excellent OPEN SPACE for use by the public. It is on the mouth of the Truckee River and Lake Tahoe.

The site is presently in its natural wooded condition but plans to construct condominiums on the grounds are underway and it is our desire to stop further desecration of the beautiful natural area.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | 1909   |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1909

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric         | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>Museum</u>                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture        | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce            | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications      | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation        |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The fact that the log house is one of the oldest at North Lake Tahoe and it is preserved in fine condition will make it an appropriate museum of artifacts of early Lake Tahoe history. Presently there is not a museum in the immediate area. (The state of California Parks and Recreation maintains an interpretative center in the Ehrman House, Sugar Pine Point State Park.) There are many documents on the history of the outlet dam to Lake Tahoe (the only outlet for this entire lake). This particular area is extremely scenic and appropriately would make a beautiful public park if left in the open space classification. This spot is the start of the Truckee River which flows 100 miles to Pyramid Lake in Nevada.

The famous Dat-So-La-Lee basket weaver wove her masterpieces (her ceremonial masterpieces are valued at over \$10,000 each and are in museums throughout the country) at the site in front of the present location of the gatekeeper's log house. It is planned to erect a monument in her memory, along with displaying a large stone which was used by the Indians for grinding corn on the site.

Adjacent to the gatekeepers log cabin are the Lake Tahoe outlet gates first built in 1870. Control of these gates resulted in the "Tahoe Water War" between lakeshore owners and downstream Truckee River water users, which lasted two decades. The dispute was settled in 1910-11 when techniques for determining water content in snow were developed by Dr. James E. Church, Jr., and made possible accounts prediction and control of the seasonal rise in lake and river levels. (State Historical Landmark #797.)



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Tahoe Tatler (newspaper)  
 Sacramento Union (newspaper)  
 Truckee Republic " "  
 Lake of the Sky, George Wharton James  
 The Saga of Lake Tahoe by E. B. Scott

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA USGS 7.5 Min. Series (topo) Tahoe City W12007.5/7.5 N3907.5**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	39°	09'	59"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	120°	08'	30"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2+ acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Betty Layton, Manager**

ORGANIZATION: **Greater North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce** DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Box 884**

CITY OR TOWN: **Tahoe City** STATE: **California 95730** CODE: **06**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name *[Signature]*  
 Title State Liaison Officer  
 Date JUN 29 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*[Signature]*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 12/13/72

ATTEST:  
*[Signature]*  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date 12/11/72

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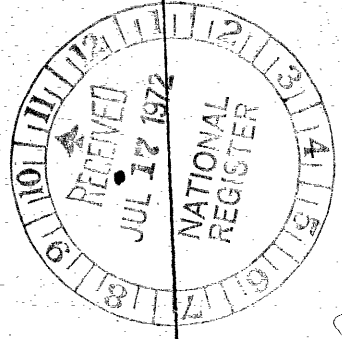
Map Reference - **PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

A portion of the North Half of Section 7, Township 15 North, Range 17 East, M.D.M., Placer County, California.

Beginning at the point of intersection of the Easterly right of way line of State Highway 89 with the property line common to Sierra Pacific Power Company and the U.S. Government, and from said point the Quarter Section corner on the North line of Section 7, Township 15 North, Range 17 East, M.D.M. bears the following two (2) consecutive courses: (1) North 08°35' East 135.35 feet to a point 40.00 feet right of Engineer's Station 454+46.40 B.C. III Pla 38 A, and (2) North 05°44'39" West 1334.84 feet; thence from the point of beginning South 40°04' East along the aforementioned common property line for a distance of 123.00 feet; thence South 01°00' East 115.48 feet; thence North 88°00' West 112.29 feet to a point on said Easterly right of way line of State Highway 89; thence North 08°35' East along said Easterly right of way line for a distance of 208.00 feet to the point of beginning.

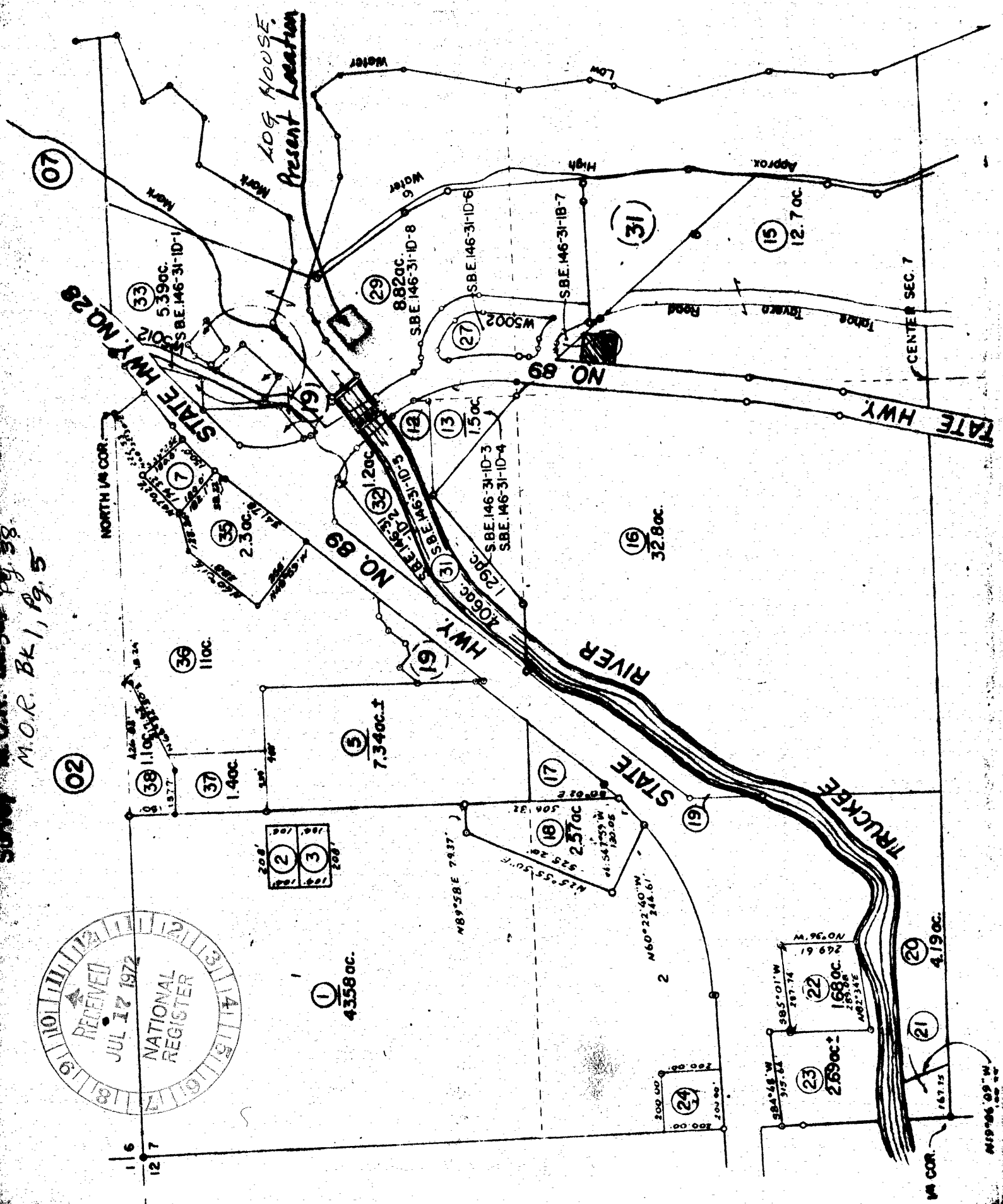


SOUND RECORDING BY 38  
M.O.R. Bk 1, Pg. 5



LAK TAHA

LOG HOUSE  
Present Location



STATE HWY. NO. 28

STATE HWY. NO. 89

TATE HWY.

RIVER

STATE

TRUCKEE

NORTH 1/4 COR.

CENTER SEC. 7

116

127

1/4 COR.

N19°04'09"W

02

38 110c

37 140c

05 734oc.t

36 110c

35 230c

19 120c

20 150c

21 129c

22 129c

23 129c

24 129c

25 129c

26 129c

27 129c

28 129c

29 882oc

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31 12.7 oc

32 32.8oc

33 539oc

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22 168oc

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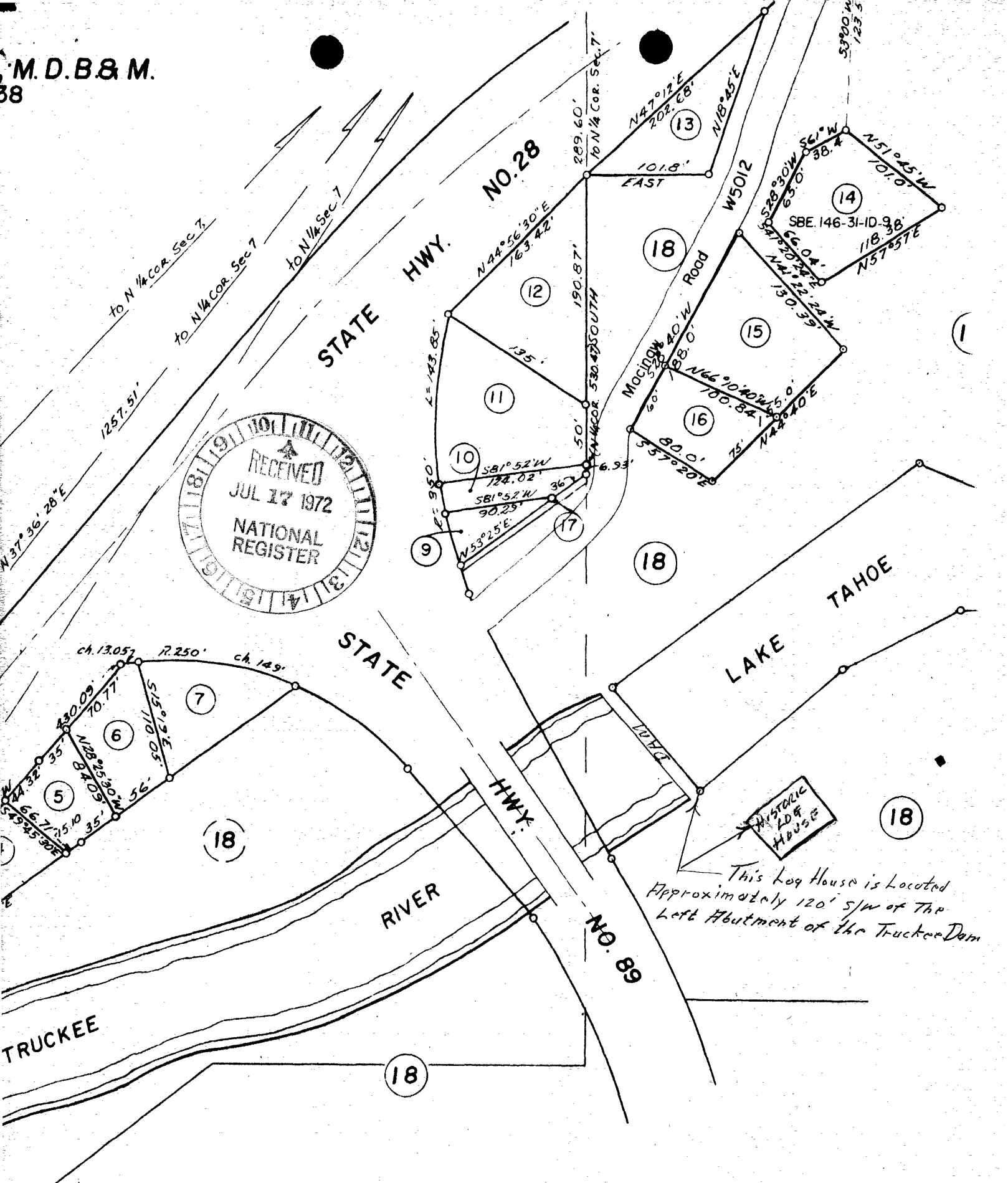
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Assessor's Map Bk. 9  
County of Placer,

NOTE - ASSESSOR'S BLOCK  
& LOT NUMBERS  
SHOWN IN CIRCLES